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Prof Jas. C. Booth

Dr Sir

Our mutual friend Dr. Borgaus who is now here, has advised me to apply for the situation of Assayer, in the Office which is to be established in this city. I believe myself capable of performing the duties of the office, and could doubtless procure sufficient testimony to that effect from my professional friends; but before taking any further action in the subject I feel desirous of obtaining your advice. I could devote nearly all of my time if necessary to the duties of the office, but should be unwilling to discontinue my present business. Should you advise me to apply for the situation, I will visit Phila. to have a personal interview with you: Wishing to be guided by your advice in this matter, I trust that you will favor me with it at your earliest convenience, and by so doing you will confer an obligation on

Your friend and obt Servt

Edward Kent

P.S. Dr Borgaus requests me to say that will visit Phila. and call upon you in a few days. Can you send me a copy of the act of Congress relating to the above.

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Edward S Bent

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